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Idaho Milk Production up 0.9 Percent

Idaho milk production during October 2012 totaled 1.13 billion pounds, a 0.9 percent increase from the same month last year, and a 1.1 percent increase from September 2012, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. September 2012 milk production was revised to 1.12 billion pounds, down 2.1 percent. Average milk production per cow in October 2012 was 1,960 pounds, up 30 pounds from last year's level. The average number of milk cows during October was 577,000 head, down 4,000 head from October 2011.

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 15.2 billion pounds, down slightly from October 2011. September revised production at 14.7 billion pounds, was down 0.6 percent from September 2011. The September revision represented a decrease of 19 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,791 pounds for October, 1 pound above October 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 10,000 head less than October 2011, and 8,000 head less than September 2012.

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